

TAFT PLEADS
FOR ECONOMYAs Well as Efficiency in the
Government Service

SPECIAL MESSAGE ON IT

President Declares That People of United
States Can Save More Than \$11,000,000
Annually by Following Out the
Recommendations.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—President Taft today sent to Congress his second message of the present year on economy and efficiency in the government service. He recommended the passage of legislation designed to save more than \$11,000,000 annually to the people of the United States. Probably his two most striking proposals were that the local government offices in the treasury, postoffice, justice, interior and commerce and labor departments be placed in the classified service, and that the revenue cutter service be consolidated with the lighthouse service in the department of commerce and labor.

By the first change, the president said, Congress could effect a saving of at least \$10,000,000 annually and although in this message he gave no figures for the consolidation of the two services of the sea, in a previous message on the same subject early in the year, he predicted economies that would total about \$1,000,000 yearly.

The president concluded his message with an appeal to Congress to appropriate the \$200,000 necessary to support the economy efficiency commission for another year with \$50,000 additional for the publication of the commission's findings.

President Taft's principal recommendations for economies were as follows:

Placing of pension agents in classified service; estimated saving, \$62,000 annually.

Abolition of office of receiver of district land offices and transfer of duties to register; assisted by bonded clerk; estimated saving, \$200,000 annually.

Transfer of "political appointees" in internal revenue and customs service to classified service; estimate of saving not given.

Consolidation of lighthouse and life-saving services into bureau of light-houses; estimated saving, \$100,000.

Transfer of vessels and equipment of revenue cutter service from treasury to commerce and labor department and its abolition as a separate service, estimated in message on economy January 17 that saving would be about \$1,000,000 a year.

Consolidation of auditing offices of the government under one auditor; estimated saving \$200,000 annually.

Discontinuance of mileage allowances for government travel and a per diem allowance for officers and employees in place of "subsistence," which includes lodging for those traveling; no estimate of saving given.

Improved method of handling correspondence; estimate of saving not given, but predicted that labor can be reduced 50 per cent.

Centralization of the distribution of government documents; estimated saving, \$242,000 a year.

Discontinuance of publication of the official register; estimated saving \$45,000 annually.

"Directly and indirectly," reads the message, "the changes proposed will result in the saving of many millions of dollars of public funds."

MILL OPERATORS
LEAVING LOWELLStrike Settlement May Be Hastened by
Action of Those Who Fear Pro-
longed Struggle—Strikers
Parade.

Lowell, Mass., April 4.—Anticipating a long industrial struggle here, many cotton cloth mill operatives have gone to Canada, Lawrence, Nashua, Manchester and other textile centers, where wages have advanced ten per cent. more. This beginning of migration has hastened a settlement because manufacturers dislike to lose their operatives. The strikers paraded this morning, carrying two red flags, also an American one.

SIDNA ALLEN IS
REPORTED KILLEDAnother Report, Also Unconfirmed, Has
It That Wesley Edwards, the Other
Fugitive Is Dead, Too.

Richmond, Va., April 4.—There is an unconfirmed report here that Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the fugitive clausmen, have been killed near Volunteer Gap. It is reported that two detectives were wounded in the fight.

GOVERNMENT BACKS OFFICERS.

Threatens Imprisonment to Any Who
Aid Allen Outlaws.

Hillsville, Va., April 4.—Supported by the government's warning that imprisonment awaits anyone caught aiding or comforting the Allen outlaws, the detectives sought the trail with new confidence today. The officers believe the men would be scattered or apprehended except for the activities of their kinsmen, who gave the detectives false clues, in furnishing the fugitives food. Three weeks ago today the courthouse assassination occurred, with the toll of five lives. Five of the clausmen are in jail, awaiting trial.

WEBSTERVILLE.

There will be a sugar social at the Baptist church Friday evening at 7:30.

DECIDE ON PENSION PLAN.

New England Tel. & Tel. Co. May Put
It Into Effect July 1.

Boston, April 4.—All employees of the New England Telephone & Telegraph company are to be embraced in a pension plan to go into effect July 1, unless delayed for some unforeseen reason. This was decided by the directors of the telephone company yesterday, and an official announcement to that effect was made.

Full details of the pension plan were not disclosed, because certain minor details had not been worked out. It was expected that these details would be completed shortly, however.

About 12,000 employees are concerned in the announcement, and the plan applies to men as well as to women, it is said. Length of service is to be considered, and there is to be provision for permanent and compulsory retirement under certain conditions.

It is also said that the directors favor a plan under which the entire cost of pensions will be borne by the company, rather than the plan adopted by some other corporations, which calls for contributions from employees out of their wages.

This pension plan has been under consideration for a year, in connection with several other welfare projects, one of which has been in operation for several months. This is an original idea of treating injured employees entirely from the standpoint of the employers' moral duty rather than from the narrow considerations of strict legal liability.

Further details of the pension plan will be announced shortly, as soon as certain exhaustive studies now under way are completed.

MAY REMOVE ACCUSER
IN EMERY BRIBERY CASEMaine Legislature Passed a Resolution
To-day for Preparing an Address
for Richardson's Official
Decapitation.

Augusta, Me., April 4.—A resolve for the preparation of an address removing Asa L. Richardson of Kennebec at attorney-general of York county was adopted by the legislature to-day. It was on the complaint of Attorney-General Richardson that Sheriff Emery was charged with the trial of a case, charged with attempting to bribe Richardson to protect the liquor interests, which resulted in the legislature investigating the charges.

Charges that Richardson's motive in making the complaint was to cover alleged "crookedness and incompetency" were made by the counsel for the defense when the legislature resumed its investigation. It was also charged that Richardson had solicited bribes.

The taking of testimony in the Emery case was completed last night. Witnesses called by the state included Asa A. Richardson, Edward H. Emery of Sanford, a field secretary of the Christian civic league; Eben I. Littlefield of Kennebec, a former deputy sheriff; Elmer M. Roberts of Kennebec, and Miss Alice K. Roberts, Richardson's stenographer.

The story of County Attorney Richardson was to the effect that he arranged an interview with the sheriff and then had E. H. Emery, Littlefield and Roberts station themselves beside a furnace pipe in the cellar, where they heard the conversation between himself and Emery; that the sheriff there agreed to pay him \$50 a week to protect the dealers in intoxicating liquor and agreed to pay the money in Richardson's office on Saturday evening; that on March 8 Sheriff Emery came to his office and there paid \$100 for the first two weeks.

Edward H. Emery, Littlefield and Roberts testified that they heard the agreement made, substantially as recited by Richardson. Emery further said that he stationed himself in the office of Walter L. Lane and from that office, by watching through an eight-inch aperture in the wall, saw the sheriff pay Richardson the money.

ONE OF ATTACKING TRIO
DIED THIS MORNINGAnother May Not Live Through the Day,
According to Information From
Hospital in Montreal.

Montreal, April 4.—Herbert Chapman, one of the three brothers, who attacked Carl Hommes of Boston a musician, in his room Sunday and was shot by him, died this morning. Another brother may not live through the day. Hemmens has been exonerated and released.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER WORKS.

Two Employees Hurt, One Man Missing,
Windows Two Miles Away Smashed.

Youngstown, Ohio, April 4.—An explosion wrecked part of the Burlington powder works near Quakertown, Pa., to-day. No employees were killed, but two were injured. An unknown man seen near the mills is missing, and it is feared he was blown to bits. Windows two miles away were shattered. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

BASEBALL PRACTICE STARTED.

There Are About 25 Candidates for Team
at Goddard Seminary.

Goddard Seminary commenced baseball practice at the gymnasium yesterday afternoon under the direction of John Kurtz, an instructor at the seminary. A squad of about twenty-five turned out for the first practice and many of them show signs of developing into first class material. Johnson and Peterson are the most promising candidates for the pitching staff, while Angell and Melver are the best that have yet turned out for catchers. Charles Pattee is the manager of the team and is arranging a strong schedule. The first game will be played with Norwich University April 17. The game is scheduled to be played at Northfield but in case the university grounds are not in good condition, the game will be played on the seminary grounds in this city.

The first practice of the spring term for the track squad was held yesterday afternoon at the gymnasium under the direction of Coach Stacy, who intends to drill the squad daily until the spring meet at Burlington, in order that they may develop another championship team.

MEN AND BOYS
FIGHT FLOODTrying to Save Embankments in
Cairo, Ill.

LOSS IS ALREADY MILLIONS

Leaves Along the Mississippi River Burst
This Morning and Waters Rushed in
and Submerged Nine Miles of
Drainage Land.

Memphis, Tenn., April 4.—Anxiety over the flood situation to-day centers about Cairo, Illinois, where the Ohio and the Mississippi rivers crowded the levee. Nine square miles of the drainage district of Cairo are submerged, and Future City, a town of six hundred inhabitants, is inundated. A score of industrial plants have been drowned out. Cairo's loss is millions of dollars.

The "Big Four" levees along the Mississippi river near Cairo burst this morning, and business and schools were suspended while men and boys were set to work shoveling dirt from flatcars into the bulkhead along the levees of the Ohio in Cairo.

In Arkansas and Tennessee, the Mississippi is reported to be holding to its course, but a hard fight is necessary to save the embankments.

Cheered by Promise of Food.

Hickman, Ky., April 4.—Two thousand flood refugees were cheered after an all-night vigil at the levees by the announcement that a train will reach Hickman this afternoon, bringing food and clothing. The food situation is serious, as rations are alarmingly low. The city treasury is empty. Government tents have been received for sleeping quarters. Nearly every man is engaged in the work of strengthening the levees.

WAS BADLY HURT
IN LONG FALLF. O. Emerson Stepped on Laths in a
Brattleboro Building and Was Pre-
cipitated Two Stories.

Brattleboro, April 4.—F. O. Emerson, aged 50, employed by E. C. Crosby, while at work dismantling the Retting block yesterday afternoon, fell two stories and was severely injured about the back and his left hand was broken.

He was standing upon a floor timber above the second story, when he stepped upon some laths and fell 20 feet. The extent of his injuries is unknown. He had been employed by Mr. Crosby only since Monday.

EDGAR M. APPLIN DEAD.

Succumbs at Hospital in Brattleboro,
After Long Illness.

Brattleboro, April 4.—Edgar Matthew Applin, aged 59, died yesterday at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital after an illness of several months. He was born Aug. 6, 1852, in Swansey, N. H., the son of Philip and Maria Knox Applin. In the early 70s, he became an organ finisher in Keene, N. H., where he worked until he came to Brattleboro to work in the Estey Organ shops in 1870.

He was married in February, 1880, to Miss Ella Tucker, daughter of George and Mary Tucker of Heath, Mass., who survives him with two daughters, Miss Edith Applin, a stenographer, in the First Cent Savings bank in Springfield, and Miss Mabel Applin, a teacher in the Main street school. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nancy L. Ward and Mrs. Ellen C. Alexander of Swansey, N. H.; four brothers, Oscar T. of Keene, N. H.; Herbert L. of Grand Island, Neb.; Charles R. of Troy, N. H.; and William F. Applin of Montpelier, N. H. The funeral will take place at the house Friday and the burial will be in Meeting House Hill cemetery. Rev. D. E. Trout will officiate.

MONTPELIER MEN GOOD SHOTS.

Dr. C. H. Burr Was Tied for Third
Place in New York.

New York, April 4.—Seventeen squads of five men each took part in yesterday's events in the seventh annual amateur trap shooting tournament which began over the Travers Island traps under the auspices of the New York Athletic club. A tricky wind from the northwest made it difficult for the gunners to locate the clay targets.

An event at 60 targets resulted in a tie for first honors between H. W. Kahler of Philadelphia, the national amateur champion, and C. H. Newcomb of the same city, each having broken 53.

The marksmen were busy throughout the afternoon in a contest at 100 targets. Silver cups were awarded for the three highest scores and Ernest A. Randall of Portland, Me., took the first prize by breaking 92. H. W. Kahler of Philadelphia was second with 90 and R. L. Spotts of the New York A. C., chairman of the Olympic trap shooting team, tied with Dr. C. H. Burr of Montpelier, Vt., each having broken 88. The local champion won the shoot off at 25 targets with 23 breaks to 19 from the New Englander for the third cup.

In the 100 target event for amateurs, C. S. Randall of Montpelier, Vt., scored 81.

FOUND ILL WITH PNEUMONIA.

Frank Garrard, Aged 76, Was Taken to
City Hospital for Treatment.

An elderly man, named Frank Garrard, was found in his room in the Tombs building yesterday, being ill with pneumonia, and he was taken to the City hospital. He had been ill for the past five or six days, and until that time he had managed to take care of himself. Mr. Garrard is 76 years of age and was born in Sherbrooke, P. Q. His children live in Claremont, N. H., he has been notified of his serious condition.

MISSING OFFICIAL
RETURNED TO VERMONTHolace C. Fenton of Wallingford, Ac-
cused of Embezzlement, Was Ar-
rested in Weldon, N. C.

Rutland, April 4.—Overseer of the Poor Holace C. Fenton of Wallingford, who disappeared early in February, leaving his wife and children, after having cashed checks belonging to the town, which netted him over \$800, was brought to Rutland yesterday from Weldon, N. C., by Deputy Sheriff A. A. Leonard of Wallingford, who secured the man Monday. Fenton is lodged at the Rutland county jail and State Attorney R. L. Stafford will probably file an information against him on the charge of embezzlement.

Fenton's arrest was due to a payment on an insurance premium sent by him from Weldon to the Metropolitan Life Insurance company of this city and some good detective work by Mr. Leonard, who has known the former overseer for many years and is familiar with his traits.

Something over a week ago, Mrs. Fenton received from her husband some money enclosed in an envelope. The postmark was very indistinct. About all that was legible was the N. C. This looked as though it might be D. C. and, thinking that the letter might have been sent from Washington, Mr. Leonard made a trip there and consumed three days in a fruitless search.

Recently Mrs. Fenton went to the Metropolitan office to pay the premium on her husband's policy and was informed that a payment had been received by mail from him. It happened that the envelope, although somewhat mutilated, was still in the waste basket and it was turned over to the sheriff's department. The postmark showed "Weldon, N. C." The initials for the state being indistinct. The date of mailing was given and it showed that the envelope had been about two days in transit. Figuring that Weldon was about the right distance from Rutland to warrant this, Mr. Leonard decided to go there and he left this city secretly Sunday night. He was sure that Fenton would try to get work on the railroad because he had been a member of the section gang at Wallingford and the office had been in Weldon only a few hours when, from the hotel piazza, he spied Fenton plodding along the track on his way home from work with the section gang which he had been an under foreman since a few days after leaving Vermont.

The surprise of the former overseer, when he saw the Vermont officer, was great, but he said that he had expected trouble, and he returned home without extradition papers.

GIRL TOLD OF ATTACK.

After Identifying Respondent, Hahn, as
Fellow Who Attacked Her.

Rutland, April 4.—After identifying the respondent as the man who attacked her in her schoolhouse at Sandbury on November 6, 1911, Miss Nellie Meehan of Starkshoro went on the stand in Rutland county court yesterday and was the chief witness against Valentine Hahn, charged with assault with intent to commit rape. Her story of the attack was as follows:

"I am 27 years old and have taught school nine years, having been at Sandbury only since last September. The morning of November 6 last, E. H. Farnham, with whom I boarded, drove me to the schoolhouse, leaving me there while he went after some pupils. On entering, I noticed that a window had been broken, some of the glass being on the floor and window sill. There were also burnt matches on the floor. As this was Monday morning, I thought someone had been in the building Sunday, and I started to build a fire, without giving the matter more thought. On going for fuel to the shed, into which a door from the main room opened, I found a man there, and he grabbed me by the left shoulder, forcing my left hand into my mouth. I saw him grab a broom which stood against the wall and raise it as if to strike. This is the last I remember until I regained my senses and found myself lying on the wooden floor."

Miss Meehan could not swear that the man, whom she was positive was Hahn, was sitting beside his attorneys, struck her with the broom, but it was found with the handle broken in three pieces.

Her clothing, torn from the body, her hair had been "pulled down" and her combs broken. Soon after she regained consciousness, Mr. Farnham returned to the schoolhouse and drove her home. She was in bed two weeks after the occurrence.

Miss Meehan told of coming to Rutland some weeks later and picking Hahn out from among nine men in the county jail, as the one who assaulted her.

FELL THROUGH CHUTE.

Grace Morgan, Aged 8, Was Too Capti-
vated by Music in Fire Station.

If it hadn't been for a heavy fur coat which the child was wearing, it is probable that little Grace Morgan, aged 8 years, the daughter of Mrs. Grace Morgan of 121 Prospect street, would have been seriously hurt when she fell through one of the fireman's chutes in the central fire station late yesterday.

With several other children who were waiting for the opening of a nearby church for an Easter rehearsal, the Morgan girl was attracted to the station by the music of a piano in the clubrooms on the second floor; and while she was listening to the music she stepped back, and went through the hole in the floor below, a distance of about 15 feet. Firemen rushed to her assistance, and later she was carried home. Dr. Lazell attended the child both at the station and at her home, and he found no bones broken, although the child was bruised. To-day Grace is up about the house but rather sore from her unusual experience.

Clerks' Attitude Indorsed by Socialists.

At the regular meeting of the Barre Socialist local, held at the headquarters in the Seapoint block last evening, nine new members were enrolled in the organization. A vote was taken commending Organizer James Gauld of Orange street for generously tendering the members of the clerks' union the use of the rooms in the Seapoint block. The attitude taken by the clerks in the differences with the merchants was heartily indorsed and the meeting promised to give the clerks' association its moral support until the difficulties are adjusted.

DIDN'T TRY
TO MEDDLEDeclared W. N. Batchelder in
Defense of Senator Dixon

HE CAME ONLY TO ADVISE

Roosevelt Committeeman Also Ridicules
Claim of Chairman Williams of Re-
publican State Committee That
State Is for Taft.

Bethel, April 4.—In an interview here to-day, Wallace N. Batchelder, one of the three members of the New England Roosevelt committee and chairman of the Vermont Roosevelt committee, said: "On receipt of contradictory returns from Vermont in Washington, Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana, chairman of the national Roosevelt committee, left for New York. I was called to be there at noon Tuesday. Monday evening my orders were revoked and by direction of Col. Roosevelt I was told to 'stay right on the firing line. Hold your position at all hazards. Stay at Bethel. We will go to you.'"

"At 10 o'clock Monday evening Senator Dixon wired me that he would arrive in Bethel Tuesday afternoon at 2:41 with Judge Bainbridge Colby, a leading member of the New York City bar, and Col. Henry L. Stoddard, editor of the New York Evening Mail and Express. The senator requested that such Roosevelt supporters as could be reached in time be asked to a conference to be held in Bethel to meet the senator and the other two gentlemen. They came as arranged Tuesday afternoon on the mail. Fifty-two men from different parts of the state had been reached by wire and were present Tuesday afternoon and evening. An informal dinner was held at the Bethel inn at 7:15. The New York visitors left at 2:10 Wednesday morning, and the others went by the night trains north and south.

"It developed that the only purpose of Senator Dixon and his companions in coming to Vermont was to make plain to Roosevelt supporters that they are militia against regulars and to give such suggestions as they could to the Vermont Roosevelt committee to assist in preventing the machine from snatching the victory from the Roosevelt supporters at the state and district conventions next week, by the continued giving out by the Taft machine of claims that Taft has carried the state and thereby hoping to influence uncommitted delegates to pledge themselves to support Taft in the district and state conventions."

"Senator Dixon expressly stated that he and the national committee were determined not to do anything to dictate to the voters of Vermont or even to the Vermont Roosevelt committee but to make sure that everything possible is done to see to it that if it is true that a majority of the Republican voters in Vermont prefer that Theodore Roosevelt and not William H. Taft be nominated at the Chicago convention these voters be not defrauded of their rights to be heard in that convention."

The claim of the Taft machine that Mr. Taft has carried the state of Vermont in the caucuses has about as much foundation in fact as the unqualified statement of Frank C. Williams, chairman of the state Republican committee, which he made less than a week before the caucuses and caused to be published in the state and metropolitan papers that while there was a little Roosevelt sentiment in his own county of Orleans and in Lamoille and Caledonia, the rest of the state was solid for Taft.

"In this connection it is entirely fair to call attention to the fact that at the caucuses in Chairman Williams' own town of Newport, his Taft ticket was defeated and a straight Roosevelt ticket to the state and district convention was elected by a vote of 137 for Roosevelt to 92 for Taft, and it is but fair to the voters of Vermont to call attention to the fact that in St. Johnsbury, Lieut. Gov. Slack, who was one of the men who had repeatedly claimed that Vermont was solid for Taft, headed the Taft ticket and made a lost fight and was defeated by a straight-out Roosevelt ticket to both district and state conventions by a majority of 56.

"The statement put up by Chairman Williams of the state committee is most interesting to one who knows something of the game of politics as it is played in Vermont. Let me tell you one of the tricks of a trained politician when the votes are counting against him; as a last resort he discovers that the other side has insulted the voter or the delegate and he forthwith feels hurt for that delegate or voter, all for the purpose of appealing to his prejudice and not to his good judgment. That is exactly what Chairman Williams is doing. He has no right to make a claim for either side. When he does so he is serving a faction."

"In this contest he is apparently fighting as loyal a faction of the Republican party as ever followed it into victory and defeat. Loyal because it desires to adhere to the principles which inspired its formation and its great achievements. He opposed the faction which desires the nomination of a man who can win in November."

Senator Dixon did not insult the delegates. That was discovered by the Taft men for the effect it is hoped it will have. It illustrates the statement that every effort will be made and every influence used which a lot of trained politicians can command to defeat the expressed will of the people. The Indiana delegates were bought and a Roosevelt convention was made a Taft convention. What the Taft machine did in Indiana it will attempt to do elsewhere. This is directed at the machine, not at the delegates."

"If the machine feels that it has been insulted, it can make the best of it. The picture at this stage of the contest of the machine shedding tears over insulted delegates is certainly ludicrous. (Signed)

"Wallace N. Batchelder."

"For the Roosevelt committee."

GOV. MEAD'S FIGURES

Assure Him That First Dis-
State Are Surely

Rutland, April 4.—The first congressional district is strongly for William H. Taft, and that the state convention will send Taft delegates to the national convention at Chicago in June was the statement made by Governor John A. Meade yesterday afternoon. The governor has conducted a canvass of the various towns in the entire state, and his returns show figures to back up his statement. Governor Meade said: "The middle of last week I took pains to send a letter to the chairman of each Republican committee in the various towns and cities in the state and from all advice thus far received there are about 210 Taft delegates as against 100 for Roosevelt in the first district and about 30 to hear from. In the second district, Taft and Roosevelt delegates elected, according to my returns, are more equally divided with a very large number of delegates whose preferences are unknown."

"The figures obtained as stated above are from the heads of the Republican committees in the various towns, and I can but feel they are as accurate as can be by any possibility he obtained."

"It has never seemed to me to be good politics to claim unreasonable and most improbable majorities as the results of caucuses and conventions. In my opinion the state convention is sure to elect Taft delegates as is also the first district and possibly the second district."

FORMER TEACHER DEAD.

Miss Mary Paul Relinquished Her Duties
In Barre In December, 1910.

News has been received in this city of the death of Miss Mary Etta Paul, which occurred at her home in West Fairlee Tuesday afternoon, after a long illness. Miss Paul was a former school teacher in Barre and her death will cause much regret among a large circle of friends. She leaves her mother, Mrs. Caroline Paul, and three brothers, John Paul, superintendent of the paper mills at Wilder, William Paul, also of Wilder, and Samuel Paul, at present a resident of West Fairlee.

The deceased was about thirty-three years old and was a graduate of the Randolph Normal school, having returned to that institution later for a post-graduate course. She was also graduated from the McLean hospital near Boston and followed the occupation of a trained nurse for a time thereafter. Sometime in 1909, Miss Paul was engaged as a teacher in the Brook street school in this city. On the completion of the Lincoln school on Camp street, she was one of the teachers to occupy the new building. It was shortly before the Christmas vacation in 1910 that she relinquished her duties and went to the sanatorium in Pittsford for treatment. She returned to her home in West Fairlee some time later, and her condition grew gradually worse until death came Tuesday.

Miss Paul was a member of the Methodist church and during her residence in this city she was one of the attendants at the Hedding Methodist church. The funeral will be held at her home Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock. The burial will take place in the cemetery at South Vershire.

BOYS GOT WARNING

After Being Brought Into Court on
Breaking Windows Charge.

Juvenile court convened before Judge H. W. Scott in the city court room this morning, when three lads from the north end were arraigned for throwing stones at the Herbert & Ladrie stone shed opposite the entrance to Second street. The trio, George MacKenzie, Joseph Quimpton and George Smith were arrested yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Sinclair on a warrant issued by Grand Juror Hugh H. Carpenter following the complaint of Joseph Ladrie, one of the proprietors of the stone shed.

Grand Juror Carpenter conducted the prosecution for the first time since assuming his duties April 1. Mr. Ladrie was called to the stand and he testified to hearing broken particles of glass as they fell to the floor while he was in his office Tuesday night. He stated that he looked through a window and saw the three respondents standing near the bridge in that vicinity, and when they seemed to be grasping stones or snowballs and one of the trio started to run, but retraced his footsteps. The witness testified that over 300 pieces of glass had been broken in the stone shed within the past several months.

After hearing the evidence presented by the state, Judge Scott gave the youngsters an opportunity to tell their story and the facts. They decided to leave their case rest. Later after reviewing the evidence, Judge Scott discharged the respondents with the warning to steer clear of such offenses.

INSPECTORS CHANGE SOON.

Sid. H. Nealy to Leave Work of Super-
vising Barre's Federal Building.

F. A. Hills, an inspecting architect representing the United States government who has been spending a few days in the city, returned yesterday to Malone, N. Y., where he has charge of a new federal building in course of construction. After April 5, Sid. H. Nealy, who has had the oversight of the work in Barre's new postoffice building since the foundation was started, will relinquish his duties on the local job and go elsewhere. He will be succeeded by Mr. Hills, who will divide his time between buildings being erected by the government at Malone, N. Y., and at Richford. Mr. Nealy, who is one of the best known figures in the government's architectural service, has not announced his plans.

MERCHANTS HELD MEETING

And Appointed Committee to Meet One
from C. L. U., as Per Request.

The fourth day of the clerks' strike sees a change in the situation. The merchants' association met last evening and acted on the request of the Central Labor union for a conference with a committee from that union. The merchants acceded to the request and appointed a committee of three to meet the Central Labor committee, and it is expected they will get together this evening.

The merchants admitted two new members to their association at last evening's meeting.

WAS KILLED
IN THE WOODSBenjamin Marble Lost His Life,
in Duxbury To-day

PROBABLY FROM TREE FALL

Albert Streeter, Who Was With Him in
Woods, Went for Assistance, But
Medical Attendance Was
of No Avail.

Duxbury, April 4.—Benjamin Marble, aged about 45 years and a well-known farmer of this town, was probably instantly killed at noon to-day while chopping in the woods about three-quarters of a mile from his own house. It is reported that a tree fell upon him, striking him on the head, and that he never regained consciousness. With him in the woods was Albert Streeter, who left at once for assistance and when he returned there were no signs of life. Health Officer E. W. Humphrey and Stedman John Dillon of Duxbury were summoned, also Dr. Hopkins, but all efforts to resuscitate the man proved unavailing.

Mr. Marble was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hopkins of Fayston, deceased, and soon after his marriage to Miss Annie Atherton of Waterbury, about 15 years ago, came to Duxbury to reside, where he has since made his home.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Edna, aged 13 years; also two brothers in Fayston, Bryan and Bert Marble, and three sisters, Mrs. Charles Corlies and Mrs. N. C. Dunbar of Fayston and Mrs. Mary Martin of Warren.

WILL SUSTAINED
IN THE OLDS CASEVerdict Returned in County Court To-
day in Favor of H. Austin Tuttle,
Who Was Named as the
Beneficiary.

A verdict was returned in Washington county court this afternoon sustaining the will of the late Ezekiel P. Olds of Barre, the contest having been brought by his brother, Alexander R. Olds, aged 84 years, of New York. The case was given to the jury at 10:15 this forenoon following the charge to the jury and the closing argument in defense of the will by Attorney Charles H. Darling. The beneficiary named in the will is H. Austin Tuttle, a son-in-law of Ezekiel P. Olds. The taking of evidence in the case was concluded yesterday, after which John W. Gordon opened the defense side of the case.